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TO: Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) Coordinators

SUBJECT: Alternative Birth Centers (ABC)

Effective January 1, 1993, private, for profit clinics and physicians may now be licensed to become alternative birth centers (ABC). The enabling legislation, SB 1593, requires that all licensed ABC's must also be Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) providers. In order that the dual process of licensing as an ABC and certification as a CPSP provider moves as smoothly as possible, coordinating memos are being sent to all CPSP Local Coordinators and to all Licensing and Certification field offices (contact lists are enclosed).

If a potential ABC provider contacts your office, the following should take place:

1. Notify the applicant that they must also contact their local Licensing and Certification field office to begin the licensing process;
2. Furnish the applicant with the necessary application forms for CPSP certification.
3. If the applicant is not a current Medi Cal provider, furnish them with an application for a Medi Cal provider number (distributed at statewide CPSP Coordinator meeting 1/26/93).

CPSP local staff and Licensing and Certification field staff may find it helpful to contact one-another prior to working with applicants to determine the communication processes that will provide ease of coordination.

The applicant may apply for CPSP certification under an existing Medi-Cal provider number for the ABC location. A facility Medi Cal number will be issued separately by the Department. When the CPSP application process is completed, and the provider is approved, or in the event that the applicant is already an approved CPSP provider, the Local Coordinator will provide written documentation (a copy of the approval letter) to Licensing and Certification.

It is hoped that by working together in this fashion, we will be able to get ABC's approved and providing services as quickly as possible. If you have questions about CPSP issues, please contact Athole Lennie, Dr.P.H., at (916) 657-1338.

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* Contact List
NOT ATTACHED